

The State of New Hampshire

Department of Environmental Services



Michael P. Nolin Commissioner

July 22, 2005

West Alton Marina, LLC Attn: Brian Fortier 35 West Alton Marina Road Alton Bay, NH 03810

Re: Docket No. AF 05-028 Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement

Dear Mr. Fortier:

Enclosed for your records is a copy of the Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement in the above-captioned matter executed by Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Director of the Waste Management Division, and accepted by Commissioner Michael P. Nolin on July 20, 2005.

On behalf of the Department of Environmental Services, thank you for your cooperation in resolving this matter.



cc: Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Director, Waste Management Division Gretchen R. Hamel, Administrator, DES Legal Unit Kerry D. Barnsley, Compliance Attorney, DES Legal Unit DES Public Information Officer Lynn Woodard, DES WMD Tom Beaulieu, DES WMD Susan Hanamoto, DES WMD

DES Web site: www.des.nh.gov

West Alton Marina, LLC Attention: Brian Fortier 35 West Alton Marina Road Alton Bay, NH 03810

Re: West Alton Marina, Route 11, Alton, NH

UST ID#0-111175

ADMINISTRATIVE FINE No. AF 05-028

MOTION TO ACCEPT SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

NOW COME the Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division ("the Division") and West Alton Marina, LLC parties to the above-captioned matter, and stipulate to the following:

- 1. The Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services ("DES"), is authorized under RSA 146-C:10-a to impose administrative fines of up to \$2,000 per offense for violations of RSA 146-C and Env-Wm 1401 relating to installation, maintenance, operation, and closure of underground storage facilities. Pursuant to RSA 146-C:10-a, the Commissioner has adopted Env-C 607 to establish the schedule of fines for such violations.
- 2. West Alton Marina, LLC ("West Alton Marina") is the registered facility owner of one underground storage tank ("UST") at the West Alton Marina facility ("the Facility"), further identified as UST # 0-111175, located on real property at Route 11, Alton, NH ("the Property").
- 3. On April 20, 2005, the Division issued Notice of Proposed Administrative Fine No. AF 05-028 ("the Notice") to West Alton Marina, LLC seeking fines totaling \$1,000 for violations of New Hampshire Administrative Rule Part Env-Wm 1401.
- 4. The Notice cited West Alton Marina for violating Env-Wm 1401.20 for failing to install Tank 3 in accordance with the approved plans and specifications. Pursuant to Env-C 607.03(b) the Division sought a fine of \$1,000.
- 5. In order to settle this matter, the Division and West Alton Marina have agreed to the terms of this Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), as set forth herein.
- 6. Of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$1,000, 20% or \$200 shall be suspended due to this being a one-time unintentional violation. An additional 20% or \$200 shall be suspended due to West Alton Marina's good faith effort to return this facility to compliance. An additional 20% or \$200 shall be suspended due to the Facility's small business status. An additional 20% or \$200 shall be suspended due to West Alton Marina's cooperation in returning the facility into compliance.
- 7. The suspended portion of the proposed fine, in the amount of \$800 is contingent upon West Alton Marina maintaining the subject UST facility in compliance with Env-Wm 1401 for a period of two years from the date of the execution of this Agreement. If West Alton Marina fails to maintain compliance during the two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine, in the amount

of \$800 shall become due and payable immediately. If West Alton Marina maintains compliance for the prescribed two-year period, the suspended portion of the fine shall be waived.

- 8. West Alton Marina agrees to pay the remaining \$200 upon execution of this Agreement by a duly authorized representative of West Alton Marina.
- 9. Payment under Paragraph #8 and any payment that becomes due pursuant to Paragraph #7 shall be paid by certified check made payable to: "Treasurer, State of New Hampshire" and mailed to:

DES Legal Unit

Attention: Michael Sclafani, Legal Assistant

P.O. Box 95

Concord, NH 03302-0095

- 10. If any payment is made by check or money order that is returned due to insufficient funds, pursuant to NH RSA 6:11-a, DES may charge a fee in the amount of 5% of the face amount of the check or money order or \$25.00, whichever is greater, plus all protest and bank fees, in addition to the amount of the check or money order, to cover the costs of collection.
- 11. By executing this Agreement, West Alton Marina waives its right to a hearing on or any appeal of the administrative fines identified in the Notice, and agrees that this Agreement may be entered into and enforced by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 12. The effective date of this Agreement will be the date on which it is signed by a duly authorized representative of West Alton Marina, the Director of the Waste Management Division, and the Commissioner of DES. After that date, this Agreement may be amended only by written agreement signed by both parties and the Commissioner. Any such amendment will become effective on the date on which it has been accepted by the Commissioner.
- 13. No failure by DES to enforce any provision of this Agreement after any breach or default will be deemed as a waiver of its rights with regard to that breach or default, nor will such failures be construed as a waiver of the right to enforce each and all provisions of this Agreement on any further breach or default.

WHEREFORE, the parties respectfully request the Commissioner to accept the terms of this Agreement by granting this Motion.

Respectfully submitted,

By: Brian Fortier

Duly Authorized

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July 7, 2005

| 7/14/05 | DES Waste Management Division |
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| Date | Anthony P. Giunta, P.G., Director |

This Motion to Accept Settlement Agreement is granted this 20th day of Jaly, 2005.

Michael P. Nolin, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Services